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Appellant(s): Montagnier et al.

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EXAMINER'S ANSWER

This is in response to appellant's brief on appeal filed 03 April, 2000.

(1) Real Party in Interest

A statement identifying the real party in interest is contained in the brief.

(2) Related Appeals and Interferences

A statement identifying the related appeals and interferences which will directly affect or be directly affected by or have a bearing on the decision in the pending appeal is contained in the brief.

(3) Status of Claims

The statement of the status of the claims contained in the brief is correct.

(4) Status of Amendments After Final

The appellant's statement of the status of amendments after final rejection contained in the brief is correct.

(5) Summary of Invention

The summary of invention contained in the brief is correct.

(6) Issues

The appellant's statement of the issues in the brief is correct.

(7) Grouping of Claims

Appellant's brief includes a statement that claims 90-109 do not stand or fall together and provides reasons as set forth in 3

C.F.R. § 1.192(c)(7) and (c)(8).

(8) Claims Appealed

The copy of the appealed claims contained in the Appendix to the brief is correct.

(9) Prior Art of Record

The following is a listing of the prior art of record relied upon in the rejection of claims under appeal.

(10) Grounds of Rejection

The following ground of rejection is applicable to the appealed claims: claims 90-109 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. This rejection is set forth in prior Office action, Paper No. 27.

(11) Response to Argument

For the above reasons, it is believed that the rejection should be sustained.

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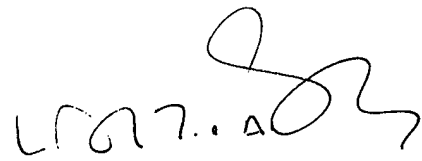
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Respectfully submitted,



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16 June, 2000



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